

(c) what action has been taken so far against them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) No case of seizure of foreign currency and/or Indian currency has been booked by the field formations under the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) at Domestic Airport, Mumbai during the last three years, i.e., 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. However, during the year 1997-98, one case of seizure of foreign currency equivalent to Rs. 41.46 lakhs was booked by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence at Domestic Airport, Mumbai on 12.11.97, wherein a Polish national, namely, Napiorkowski was arrested, who was later released on bail. Subsequently, a show cause notice was issued and the case was adjudicated.

#### **Modification in Sales Tax on Air Turbine Fuel**

4223. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce or withdraw the sales tax on Air Turbine Fuel (ATF);

(b) if so, how many States will incur revenue loss; and

(c) what will be the loss each State had to incur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Under Entry 54 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, Sales Tax is a State subject and it is for the State Governments to take a decision in this regard.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.